

Welcome to the UNI School of Music

# 2025 NORTHERN FESTIVAL OF BANDS



**Friday, February 14, 2025, 7:30 p.m.**

UNI Symphonic Band, Justin Mertz, conductor  
UNI Wind Ensemble, Danny Galyen, conductor

**Saturday, February 15, 2025, 2:00 p.m.**

Festival High School Ensembles  
Percussion Ensemble, Matt Andreini and Staci Toma, leaders  
Festival Concert Band, Nora Tycast, conductor  
Festival Symphony Band, James Thompson, conductor  
Festival Solo Competition Winner with Vakhtang Kodanashvili, piano  
Festival Wind Orchestra, Miguel Etchegoncelay, conductor



# PROGRAM

Friday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.

## **UNI Symphonic Band**

Justin Mertz, conductor

- Symphony No. 1 "The Lord of the Rings" ..... Johan de Meij (b. 1953, Netherlands)  
I. Gandalf 6 minutes
- Twilight in the Wilderness* ..... Christopher Tucker (b. 1976, USA)  
9 minutes
- Variations on a Korean Folk Song ..... John Barnes Chance (1932-1972, USA)  
7 minutes
- See Rock City* ..... Brant Karrick (b. 1960, USA)  
6 minutes

## INTERMISSION

### **UNI Wind Ensemble**

Danny Galyen, conductor

- à la Machaut* (2015) ..... Andrew Boss (b. 1988, USA)  
7 minutes
- Deep River* (2021) ..... Benjamin Horne (b. 1995, USA)  
6 minutes
- River of Time* (2024) ..... David Biedenbender (b. 1984, USA)  
1. Becoming 18 minutes  
2. Flowing  
3. Crossing

Dr. Randy Grabowski, Trumpet

- Danse Funambulesque* (1925/1930) ..... Jules Strens (1893-1971, Belgium)  
11 minutes

# UNI SYMPHONIC BAND

## **Flute**

Aldo Escalera  
Katie Flaherty  
Grace O'Keefe \*

## **Oboe**

Kennedy Kisling

## **Bassoon**

Ian Burrack  
Carter Danielson

## **Clarinet**

Nolan Balk  
Daniel Bennett \*  
Maddy Christof  
Gabriel Jesse  
Riana Kraff  
Meredith Moore  
Elias Phipps \*  
Lance Schmitt

## **Saxophone**

Sienna Becker  
Hope Jones  
Riley Kruse  
Keaton Kruse \*  
Kara McGonegle  
Landon Then

## **Trumpet**

John Broulik  
Ale Cabello  
Alyssa Dougherty \*  
Andrew Dutcher  
Ian Hanks  
Josh Neas  
Skye Rhoten  
Eadie Suhr  
Evan Wahlstrom

## **Horn**

Alyssa Haynie \*  
Ian Shelton  
Rori Snethen

## **Trombone**

Noah DeVore  
Bobby Dunn  
Jackson Elliott \*  
James Landeros  
Maddy White

## **Euphonium**

Lola Berg  
Sara Shannon

## **Tuba**

Brian Chea  
Logan Lubahn \*

## **Percussion**

Chloe Berns-Schweingruber  
Olivia Crum  
Benjamin Grim  
Zac Moore  
Adam Schroeder  
Jackson Toma  
Justin Weber \*

\* = Section Leader

# UNI WIND ENSEMBLE

## Flute

Juliana Becerra \*  
Miranda Finn  
Hannah La Croix  
Martin Paulin  
Jennifer Valenzuela  
Abby Wendland

## Oboe

Blake Daale  
Dr. Heather Peyton +

## Clarinet

Emma Bennett  
McKinley Boyd  
Annika Dagel  
Lindsay Davison \*  
Angelina DeSocio  
Madeline Santman  
Elizabeth Stanish  
Brayden Stockman  
Abby Voshell \*

## Bassoon

Marco Olachnovitch  
Sophia Patchin \*  
Kate Van Gorp

## Saxophone

Eli Ebeling  
Charlotte Ottemoeller  
Claire Uselding \*  
Kate Wilken

## Horn

JD Deninger  
Maddie Klein  
Patrick Mooney \*  
Mitchell Stevens

## Trumpet

Jetta Colsch  
Lucas Garretson-Oneil  
Abigail Holschlag  
Sean Kiefer  
Kate McAlister \*  
Dora Roorda  
Eric Torneten

## Trombone

Nathan Boorman \*  
Kristen Engelhardt  
Brody Schoon  
Sam Hoffmann, bass

## Euphonium

Morgan Westphal

## Tuba

Aidan Anderson  
Garrett Arensdorf \*  
Isaac Sand

## Percussion

Zachary Kendrick  
Kyle Langston  
Tess Lorraine  
Sean Middleton  
Jesse Sheehan  
Quinn Wubbena

## Piano

Madelyn Potter

## Bass

McCaffrey Brandt

## Harp

Gretchen Brumwell +

## Additional Performers

### for *Danse Funambulesque*

Dr. Maddy Tarantelli, Eb horn +  
Morgan Stumpf, Eb horn  
Dr. Brett Copeland, baritone +

\* = Section Leader

+ = Faculty Artist

# PROGRAM NOTES

## **Symphony no. 1 "The Lord of the Rings"**

I. Gandalf

The first movement is a musical portrait of the wizard Gandalf, one of the principal characters of the trilogy. His wise and noble personality is expressed by a stately motif which is used in a different form in movements IV and V. The sudden opening of the Allegro vivace is indicative of the unpredictability of the grey wizard, followed by a wild ride on his beautiful horse, Shadowfax.

- Program Note by composer

## **Twilight in the Wilderness**

**Twilight in the Wilderness** is a musical impression of the body of works created by Hudson River school and landscape painter Frederick Edwin Church. Living around the time of the Civil War, this American painter covered his oil canvas with beautiful sunsets of the American landscape.

My main inspiration for this commission was Frederick Edwin Church's painting "Twilight in the Wilderness," a work of magnificence with a dark red sunset encompassing the lush mountains below. A bright clearing in the center of the painting creates a connecting boundary, of which a Hill Country Middle School student termed a "ray of hope."

The work is in two main sections connected by an interlude, possibly a bright and clear interlude. The first main section describes the painting from a "macro" point of view, very spacious and serene. The second main section represents the vibrancy of each individual color and how they create a harmonious interplay, the "micro" point of view. The term "ray of hope" became my final inspiration for the end of the piece when both sections come together ... the "macro" and "micro" are seen simultaneously."

*Twilight in the Wilderness* was commissioned jointly by the Hill Country Middle School Bands in Austin, Texas, Cheryl Floyd, Kevin Jedele, and Chuck Fishers, directors, and the University of Texas at Austin Symphony Band, Dr. Robert Carnochan, conductor.

- Program Note by composer

## **Variations on a Korean Folk Song**

As a member of, and musical arranger for the Eighth U.S. Army Band, John Barnes Chance served in Seoul, South Korea, during the Korean War. It was during this time that he became familiar with a traditional Korean folk song called *Arirang*. Chance explains, "The tune is not as simple as it sounds, and my fascination with it during the intervening years led to its eventual use as the theme for this set of variations."

*Arirang* is a tune based on the pentatonic scale, and it can be dated back to the 18th century as a song of love and heartbreak. It was utilized in the 20th century as a resistance anthem during the Japanese occupation of Korea, when the singing of patriotic songs, including the national anthem, was criminalized. Chance's set of variations, written for concert band in 1965, begins by presenting the *Arirang* theme, and proceeds to develop it through five variations. The piece alternates between fast and slow variations, with the final variation being marked "Con Isancio" ("with impetuosity"), and it uses a variety of time signatures and rhythmic motives to alter the theme. Chance maintains the Eastern influence of the original tune through his use of the pentatonic scale, as well as prominent use of distinct percussion instruments, such as temple blocks, cymbals, and a gong.

The piece was awarded the Ostwald Award in 1966 by the American Bandmasters Association.

## See Rock City

**See Rock City** is a fun rock jam session for concert band. Fusing elements of rock, jazz and funk styles, all sections of the band contribute familiar riffs, grooves and melodies weaved throughout the three-part form: fast-funk-fun! Partly inspired by driving through the southeastern part of the United States, it is hard to miss the words painted on barns, birdhouses and billboards -- "See Rock City!" The attraction atop Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga displays the region's quirky sense of humor as well as its breathtaking beauty. Whether looking at seven states, standing under a waterfall, or walking through a cavern full of glowing gnomes, Rock City, like this namesake piece, is just pure, simple, fun.

- Program Note from publisher

## à la Machaut

**À La Machaut** integrates thematic material from three works of the great Medieval composer Guillaume de Machaut and adds a colorfully modern touch. The piece opens with a slow introduction using melodic and harmonic material from his polyphonic chanson *Puis qu'en oubli* (Since I am forgotten). The upbeat percussion transitions the piece to the main material, quoting the melody of his secular virelai [form of medieval French verse], *Douce jame jolie* ("Sweet lovely lady"). This piece also uses material from the Kyrie to Machaut's *Messe de Nostre Dame*. A reflective middle section brings back the slow material from the introduction while maintaining the upbeat rhythms introduced earlier in the percussion. A short recapitulation revisits the virelai in several contrasting textures, leading to a climactic variation with shimmering winds, blasting percussion and low brass. A final tutti variation harmonizes the virelai and closes the piece.

- Program Note from score

## Deep River

**Deep River** is an arrangement of the traditional spiritual of the same name for wind band. This arrangement is inspired by a popular art song version by Henry Burleigh. His low baritone voice as well as renditions by singers such as Paul Robeson are the motivation for this version's use of solo tuba for the song's initial presentation. Other allusions to Burleigh can be found through the work.

*Deep River* for wind band opens with solos from various voices evocative of short testimonies before we begin the song. The low voice of the tuba then leads us in with the first verse as others join in. At the conclusion of the lyric "peace," an alto saxophone solo "crosses" us over into a new place where the song starts again, but livelier featuring the entire saxophone section.

- Program Note from score

## River of Time

**River of Time** was commissioned by and written for trumpeter Neil Mueller, conductor Timothy Muffitt, and the Lansing Symphony Orchestra. In the spring of 2023, I was studying conducting with my friend Kevin Noe when he used the phrase "river of time" to describe the flow of music through time. I also happened to be reading two books that examined time from different perspectives: Marcus Aurelius' *Meditations* and Carlo Rovelli's *The Order of Time*. Rovelli's book explores the mysteries of time through the lens of physics, woven together with poetry, philosophy, art, and history, while *Meditations*, although not directly about time per se, certainly grapples with life's ephemerality. I remember this passage from *Meditations Book Five* jumping right off the page:

Keep in mind how fast things pass by and are gone -- those that are now, and those to come. Existence flows past us like a river: the "what" is in constant flux, the "why" has a thousand variations. Nothing is stable, not even what's right here. The infinity of past and future gapes before us -- a chasm whose depths we cannot see... (translation by Gregory Hays).

The "river of time" became the conceptual thread that pulled together the musical and philosophical ideas that I had not yet been able to pull together into a coherent whole -- it's as if this piece became my own personal way of exploring, knowing, and communicating these ideas.

The first movement is called *Becoming*. I imagine a kind of primordial clock from which time flows – swirling – becoming an infinity of matter and moments. The second movement, *Flowing*, is a meditation on being part of the river of time – being present. Imagine a beautiful moment that you simply don't want to end. For me, I remember holding my infant son, listening to his slow, relaxed breathing as he slept peacefully on my chest. I'm reminded of a poignant passage from Matthew Zapruder's *Story of a Poem*: "That night the boy slept all night on his father's chest. It was the only time in his life the father had felt his body was perfect, and not one time did he wish anything were different, or that he were elsewhere." Of course, moments like this are often also shaded with a tinge of melancholy, as thoughts slip toward the past or the future, wondering whether a moment just like this might ever occur again. The third movement is called *Crossing*. Our perception of time is often linear, but what if it was circular or it could be bent? What if we could exist outside of it? What if we could traverse the river of time?

- Program Note by composer

## **Danse Funambulesque**

Jules Strens studied violin at the Royal Conservatory of Brussels and for a while he received advice from Paul Gilson in orchestration. In 1926 he became member of the "Synthétistes" group of young progressive composers of the twenties who were all pupils of Paul Gilson. During this period, he experimented with electro-acoustic music and began his musical career as violinist and composer. Starting 1922 he was first violinist at the "Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie". From 1931 to 1934 he was conductor of the "Association Symphonique de Bruxelles". At the end of his life he was more active as an organist. As a composer, he was self-taught and prolific. His musical production is all embracing and earned him several awards. His first compositions were undeniably influenced by the conceptions of Richard Strauss. His symphonic variations *Gil Blas* are a good example of this tendency. Strens's more mature works use polyrhythm and ostinato. The Belgian Music Center says "The most typical compositions written in this technique are *Danse funambulesque*, *Danse tragique* and *Rhapsodie polyrythmique*."

***Danse Funambulesque*** was originally composed for chamber orchestra in 1925. Strens re-scored it for band in 1929 and added a dedication to Arthur Prevost, then Director of The Band of the Belgian Guides. Prevost was a leading figure in the musical life of Brussels, leading the first Belgian performances of Stravinsky's *Symphonies of Wind Instruments*, *Octet*, and *Piano Concerto*, among other notable works.

*Danse Funambulesque* is inspired by the death-defying feats of a tightrope walker at the circus. The piece begins with a quiet meditation, perhaps conveying the tightrope walker's moments before stepping out the wire itself. This reverie gives way to a series of increasingly frenetic episodes that convey the ever-increasing tension of the high-wire act.

- Program notes from the University of Maryland Wind Orchestra

# ABOUT OUR FACULTY SOLOIST

## **Randy Grabowski, Professor of Trumpet**

**Randy Grabowski** has created a satisfying life of trumpeting, teaching, and learning. He is Professor of Trumpet at the University of Northern Iowa School of Music where he collaborates with colleagues in exciting chamber music adventures and endeavors to inspire new generations of inquiring musicians.

An active, versatile performer and principal trumpet of the wcf-symphony, Grabowski has taken his love of performing to venues across the U.S., Europe, Canada, and South America. He counts performances at the Britt (OR) and Spoleto (Italy) festivals as being especially memorable, and shows with Frank Sinatra, Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Manhattan Transfer, Sammy Davis, Jr., Shirley MacLaine, and the Chestnut Brass Company as particular highlights.

A veteran of the Lake Tahoe/Reno showrooms and an advocate for whatever music is in front of him at the moment, Dr. Grabowski has two degrees from Indiana University and one from the University of Nevada-Reno. In his spare time, he fancies spending time with his family, gardening, walking, cooking, reading, and learning.

# PROGRAM

Saturday, February 15, 2025, 2 p.m.

Program order for each ensemble to be announced from the stage

## **Festival Percussion Ensemble**

Matt Andrieni and Staci Toma, directors

## **Concert Band**

Nora Tycast, conductor

*Monarch Migration* ..... Nubia Jaime DonJuan  
*Reunion* ..... Giovanni Santos  
*Castles in Europe* ..... James Reese Europe  
*Two Meditations* ..... Will Marion Cook, arr. CL Thomas  
*Teal Fusion* ..... Chris Evans Hass

## **Symphony Band**

James Thompson, conductor

*Bullets & Bayonets* ..... John Philip Sousa  
*Autumn Leaves* ..... Joseph Kosma arr. Alfred Reed  
*Loch Lomond* ..... JaRod Hall  
*Jubiloso* ..... David Gorham  
*Last Ride of the Pony Express* ..... David Shaffer

## **Festival Solo Competition Winner**

Vakhtang Kodanashvili, collaborative pianist

## **Wind Orchestra**

Miguel Etchegoncelay, conductor

*Plasma* ..... Gauthier Dupertuis  
*Fu-Mon (Wind ripple)* ..... Hiroshi Hoshina  
*Orient et Occident* ..... Camille Saint-Saëns, ed. Felix Hauswirth  
*Caledonia* ..... Oliver Waepsi



# ABOUT OUR GUEST CONDUCTORS

**Nora Tycast** is in her 24th year of teaching and has served as the director of bands at Spring Lake Park and Hopkins High School, both near suburbs of Minneapolis, MN. Currently she conducts 4 concert bands, 3 jazz bands and an active marching and pep band. Her bands have performed with Brother Ali, Dessa, Ashley DuBose, Cameron Kinghorn, McNasty Brass Band, the After Hours Jazz Project, Aby Wolfe, and Dessa. Her marching band, jazz bands and concert bands have traveled all over the United States, Costa Rica and as the first US high school band in Havana, Cuba.

She has presented multiple times at the Minnesota Music Educators Association (MMEA) Midwinter Clinic and at the National Association for Music Education (NAFME) annual conference. Topics have included; literacy intervention in the large ensemble classroom, teaching to students with trauma, including historically underrepresented composers in wind ensemble literature, and developing racial and equity conversation curriculum within the large ensemble classroom as a way to engage all of our students.

Outside of teaching, Tycast has served as secretary for the MN Band Directors Association (MBDA), as the board chair of the International Spanish Language Academy school board and as a Regional Arts Teacher-Leader with the Perpich Center for the Arts. She earned her B.A. in Music Education from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and her Master's in Educational Policy and Administration from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She resides in the Twin Cities with her husband and three daughters, travels often and puts in a lot of box jumps in her athletic shoes.

**James E. Thompson, Jr.** is the director of bands at Lassiter High School in Marietta, GA. Mr. Thompson is a native of Savannah, Georgia and son of retired band director James E. Thompson. He is a 1999 graduate of Florida State University where he studied applied trombone with Dr. John Drew. His professional affiliations include membership in the Georgia Music Educators Association where he served as chairman of the music selection committee for the 2012-2013 School term, membership in the National Band Association, Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters fraternity, the Minority Band Directors National Association and the American Bandmasters Association. James has conducted clinics and honor bands in the Southeastern United States as a conductor and brass pedagogue. He is also a frequent guest of metro Atlanta schools as a guest clinician and conductor.

**Miguel Etchegoncelay** (Córdoba, Argentina, 1970), studied composition and conducting in his home country, as well as in Italy, Switzerland and France, where he has lived since 2002. He holds master's degrees from the conservatories of Zurich and Basel, as well as a master's degree in Politics and Cultural Management from the Institute of Political Studies at the University of Strasbourg. Further studies took him to the Istituto Superiore Bandistico Europeo (ISEB), from Trento, Italy. Among his teachers were Franco Cesarini, Felix Hauswirth, Jan Cober, Eugene Corporon and Tim Reynish.

Miguel Etchegoncelay appears regularly as guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator in Europe, the United States and Latin-America. Currently, he teaches orchestral conducting at the Conservatoire de Musique de Strasbourg and the Haute Ecole des Arts du Rhin (HEAR), as well as in the Istituto Superiore Bandistico Europeo (ISEB) in Italy. He is the principal conductor of several ensembles in the "three border's area" Switzerland, Germany and France.

Miguel Etchegoncelay has been chosen president of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles (WASBE) for the biennium 2024 – 2026.

# CONCERT BAND

## FLUTE

Lindy Aswegen  
Marie Brand  
Rizzy Carsrud  
Grace Gomez  
Marie Halvorsen  
Grace Hensley  
Lucas Iverson  
Rebekah Kappes  
Jiwon Kim  
Karley Libra  
Lily Nalley  
Anni Ostrander  
Kambrey Rochon  
Allie Rodman  
Gabbie Seibert  
Rachel Sharkey  
Delaney Stubblefield  
Gracyn Swaab

Aplington-Parkersburg High School  
Audubon High School  
Nevada High School  
South Tama High School  
South Hardin High School  
Nevada High School  
Iowa City, City High School  
Crestwood High School  
Liberty High School  
Denver High School  
Mediapolis High School  
Newman Catholic High School  
Prairie City Monroe High School  
Marion High School  
Webster City High School  
Waterloo Christian High School  
Iowa Valley High School  
Oelwein High School

## OBOE

Brennan Drenkow  
Finnigan Hinderaker  
Anis Kantarevic

Waverly Shell Rock  
South Hardin High School  
Waterloo West High School

## BASSOON

Michael Gibson  
Sadie Morales  
Addie Uttecht

Waterloo East High School  
Pleasant Valley High School  
South Hamilton High School

## CLARINET

Brea Dennis  
Mei Li Forbes  
Yuzuka Fujikawa  
Isabella Gronewold  
Payton Haun  
Jack Hindin  
Vivian Jackson  
Shane Jensen  
Lindsey Johnson  
Madison Leslein  
Josie Malek  
Elise Miller  
Samantha Parsons  
Rowyn Rigby  
Josie Sp  
Chloe Stilwell  
Owen Topp  
Hayden Weltzin  
Ciera Wing

Dike-New Hartford High School  
Cherokee Washington High School  
Liberty High School  
Dike-New Hartford High School  
Oelwein High School  
Hampton Dumont CAL High School  
Audubon High School  
Clear Creek Amana High School  
Crestwood High School  
John F. Kennedy High School  
Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School  
Humboldt High School  
Mediapolis High School  
Red Oak High School  
Clinton High School  
AGWSR High School  
South Hardin High School  
Jesup High School  
John F. Kennedy High School

## BASS CLARINET

Abigail Denney  
Lillian Folsom  
Chase Miesner

New London High School  
Oelwein High School  
OABCIG High School

## ALTO SAXOPHONE

Mason Babler  
Sabrina Huit  
Jaimie Johnson  
Elizabeth Karsens  
Shiloh McCloud  
Kayson Paige  
Kara Rollingier  
Lucille Stilwell

Wahlert Catholic High School  
Panorama High School  
Liberty High School  
Dike-New Hartford High School  
South Hardin High School  
Waterloo East High School  
Vinton-Shellsburg High School  
Cedar Rapids, Washington High School

## TENOR SAXOPHONE

Landuyt-Krueger Addison  
Jack Anderson  
Olivia Burnett  
Samantha Thode

Williamsburg High School  
Linn-Mar High School  
Montezuma High School  
Denver High School

## BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Aiden Haman  
Aben Lynxwiler  
Niyalla Reitz

Webster City High School  
Cedar Rapids, Washington High School  
OABCIG High School

## TRUMPET

Nicholas Bernhard  
Adam Goebel  
Juliette Koch  
Cade Lorenz  
Benjamin Michel  
Viet Nguyen  
Elizabeth Peterson  
Nils Peterson  
Parker Shadrack  
Jack Smith  
Jude Tink  
Sariah Whalen-Flores

Turkey Valley High School  
New Hampton High School  
Hampton Dumont CAL High School  
Linn-Mar High School  
Beckman Catholic High School  
South Hardin High School  
Waterloo West High School  
Decorah High School  
Linn-Mar High School  
Liberty High School  
Waterloo West High School  
Hampton Dumont CAL High School

## HORN

Rheanne Bollweg  
Anna Butz  
Ryan Englin  
Amyia Jones  
Austin Klauke  
Allison Klostermann  
Aurora Kriegel  
Dina Nazry  
Phoebe Terc  
Samantha Tilley

Beckman Catholic High School  
Red Oak High School  
Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School  
Waterloo West High School  
Iowa City, City High School  
John F. Kennedy High School  
South Tama High School  
Waterloo West High School  
Vinton-Shellsburg High School  
South Hamilton High School

## TROMBONE

Landyn Anderson  
Sadie Anema  
John Blanchard  
Hayley Burnett  
Naomi Carter  
Sophie Christensen  
Jeremiah Dunkerton  
Evan Madsen  
Sam Mejia  
Trayton Schuster  
Drew Spellmeyer  
Weston Vik

LeMars High School  
Dike-New Hartford High School  
Humboldt High School  
Montezuma High School  
Liberty High School  
Clear Creek Amana High School  
Waterloo West High School  
Decorah High School  
West Delaware High School  
New London High School  
Humboldt High School  
Humboldt High School

## EUPHONIUM

Mariana Diaz Hernandez  
Robert Luloff  
Caitlin Todd

Cherokee Washington High School  
Waterloo East High School  
OABCIG High School

## TUBA

Molly Gaul  
Ethan Love-Church  
Ben Mohr  
Caden Tobar  
Noah Weispfenning

Western Dubuque High School  
Roosevelt High School  
Liberty High School  
Waterloo West High School  
South Hamilton High School

## PERCUSSION

Rowan Bestold  
Skyler Bugenhagen  
Holland Doepke  
Savanna Hennigar  
Lincoln Lorenzen  
Toby Soenen

Pleasant Valley High School  
New Hampton High School  
Denver High School  
Aplington-Parkersburg High School  
Waverly Shell-Rock High School  
Linn Mar High School

# SYMPHONY BAND

## FLUTE

Chloe Craighton  
Raya Davis  
Anna Duffy  
Meredith Ellingworth  
Milagro Gracia  
Samantha Heldt  
Mikayla Hiner  
Kira Lavenz  
Billie Oxendale  
Karla Pickar  
Kena Purk  
Grace Taylor  
Maggie Tebbe  
Isabelle Tellin  
Kelly Vawter  
Amelia Ytzen  
Brooke Yulga

## OBOE

Mollie Hunzelman  
Ansel Kowitz  
Morgan Weiland  
Melanie Winger

## BASSOON

Sydney Smith  
Siene Roush

## CLARINET

Lily Bergman  
Destiny Carter  
Madison Frost  
Emily Garcia  
Becca Hahn  
Kinsey Herrmann  
Eva Leighton-Dick  
Emmaleigh List  
Rebekah Luloff  
Claire Manson  
Emma Martin  
Ethan McCarragher  
Alexis Muschick  
Nura Nazry  
Sophie Nibe  
Kylie Robertson  
Jolene Scherrman  
Addison Stone  
Asher Stubblefield  
Madi Tonelli  
Ava Weatherford  
Kayla Weinert

## BASS CLARINET

Emilyn Davis  
Matigan Pritchard  
Madelyn Reiter  
Haiden West

## ALTO SAXOPHONE

Matthew Adams  
Justin Coughlin  
Xavier Exline  
Ben Koob  
Caden Messenger  
Jake Minardi  
Colin Pealer

## TENOR SAXOPHONE

Aidan Benny  
Ethan Christensen  
Jocelyn Dominguez

Hampton Dumont CAL High School  
Cedar Rapids, Washington High School  
Humboldt High School  
Waverly Shell Rock  
Waterloo West High School  
Cedar Rapids, Washington High School  
Decorah High School  
Dike-New Hartford High School  
OABCIG High School  
New Hampton High School  
Iowa Valley High School  
Prairie City Monroe High School  
Wahlert Catholic High School  
Oelwein High School  
Clinton High School  
Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School  
Pleasant Valley High School

Waverly Shell Rock  
Decorah High School  
Dubuque Senior High School  
AGWSR High School

Pleasant Valley High School  
Ballard High School

Denver High School  
Clinton High School  
West Delaware High School  
Panorama High School  
Pleasant Valley High School  
Waterloo East High School  
Clear Creek Amana High School  
OABCIG High School  
Waterloo East High School  
West Delaware High School  
South Hamilton High School  
Beckman Catholic High School  
Nevada High School  
Waterloo West High School  
South Hamilton High School  
Clear Creek Amana High School  
Cedar Rapids, Washington High School  
Roosevelt High School  
Iowa Valley High School  
Clear Creek Amana High School  
Clear Creek Amana High School  
Humboldt High School

Prairie City Monroe High School  
Iowa Valley High School  
Beckman Catholic High School  
Marion High School

Red Oak High School  
Chariton High School  
Cardinal High School  
Oelwein High School  
Cedar Rapids, Washington High School  
Hampton Dumont CAL High School  
New London High School

Lake Mills High School  
South Hamilton High School  
Humboldt High School

## BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Calvin Allwood  
Calli Ulrich  
Grant Zilka

## TRUMPET

Isaiah Coats  
Coby DeRaad  
Allison Gruhn  
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Emma Chesterman  
Isaiah Franzen  
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## TUBA

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Oliver Brummel  
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Cady Hennigar  
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## PERCUSSION

Samantha Brasch  
Lauren Dean  
Natalie Goodner  
Annabelle Macek  
Lydia Palmer  
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Justice Wells

## STRING BASS

Brock Collins

Chariton High School  
OABCIG High School  
Decorah High School

Crestwood High School  
Prairie City Monroe High School  
Nevada High School  
Beckman Catholic High School  
Newman Catholic High School  
Humboldt High School  
Cedar Falls High School  
Denver High School  
Dike-New Hartford High School  
Red Oak High School  
Ballard High School  
Linn-Mar High School  
Newman Catholic High School  
Vinton-Shellsburg High School

Humboldt High School  
Audubon High School  
Dubuque Senior High School  
Waverly Shell Rock  
OABCIG High School  
Red Oak High School  
Dubuque Senior High School  
South Hardin High School  
Decorah High School  
Denver High School  
Spencer High School

New Hampton High School  
Davis County High School  
Denver High School  
Davis County High School  
Waterloo East High School  
South Tama High School  
Center Point Urbana High School  
Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School  
Osage High School  
Ballard High School  
West Delaware High School  
Red Oak High School  
Beckman Catholic High School  
Iowa City, City High School

Clinton High School  
Cedar Rapids, Washington High School  
South Tama High School  
New London High School

Linn-Mar High School  
Decorah High School  
Prairie City Monroe High School  
Aplington-Parkersburg High School  
Clinton High School

Waterloo West High School  
Red Oak High School  
Decorah High School  
Linn-Mar High School  
Waterloo West High School  
Iowa City, City High School  
OABCIG High School

South Hardin High School

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Webster City High School  
Iowa City, City High School  
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LeMars High School  
Liberty High School

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Vee Harrington  
Maggie Moser  
Owen Orban  
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Linn-Mar High School

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Aubrey Moeller  
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Abigail Droessler  
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Lauren Lundie  
Liahna Malin  
Adrian Matteson  
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Ava Swyers  
Kaylee Taft  
Annabelle Thompson

Cherokee Washington High School  
Waverly Shell Rock  
Algona High School  
Cedar Falls High School  
Marion High School  
Spencer High School  
Pleasant Valley High School  
Clear Creek Amana High School  
Mediapolis High School  
Cedar Falls High School  
Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School  
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John F. Kennedy High School  
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Linn-Mar High School  
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Decorah High School  
Cedar Falls High School  
Cedar Falls High School  
Center Point Urbana High School  
Algona High School  
Spencer High School  
Cedar Falls High School  
Spencer High School  
Osage High School

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Algona High School  
Osage High School  
Cedar Falls High School  
Waterloo West High School  
LeMars High School  
Iowa City, City High School

## TROMBONE

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Ballard High School  
Marion High School  
Sioux City East High School  
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Cedar Falls High School  
John F. Kennedy High School

## TUBA

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Waverly Shell Rock  
Algona High School

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